## WORRIED OVER METHUEN

Auxiety in London for the Safety of His Forces.

No Sinckening of the Enthusiastic War Fever in England-Plans for Increasing the Army in South Africa-The Cunarder Umbria to Be Used for Transporting Troops

LONDON, Dec. 21.-While there is no abatement of the enthusiasm which sprang into renewed life immediately after the dis- have been sending recruits for the Boer tress occasioned by the news of General Buller's recent reverse had in a measure subsided, there is today decided expressions of disappointmnt that nothing has been heard of the present location of General authorities would have it.

The absence of any absolute news is considered in no light degree attributable to the manipulations of the army censors at the front. This deprives military experts in Lordon of much material for the exercise of their talents, while at the same time it has the effect of aggravating the natural , suspence that has existed since the Modder River engagement preceding the defeat met by Buller on the plains in front of Colenso London received something of a shock

this morning by a despatch from Camp

Cheveley, Natal, saying that on Sunday

General Buller's army retreated five miles from its position in front of the Boers. This retrograde movement in itself would not have caused serious alarm, as it would be considered a natural precautionary step for Buller to take in the circumstances. But the despatch adds that two brigades were sent back to Frere in order to frustrate a possible attempt of the Boers to flank the

command sent to attempt to bring in aban-

doned guns. in the midst of everything, however, there is no slackening of the spirit of enthusiasm, nor is there the slightest apprehension on the part of the military authorities that the country can fall to secure all the men, horses, and money it desires to carry on the war and by a series of aggressive movements to be inaugurated at a proper time to end the struggle at a comparatively early period.

The plans of the War Office are to increase the army in South Africa fully 50 per cent. The cabinet is in almost constant session. In the discussions of the ministers there has been a general agreement to give no particular instructions to the generals commanding in Natal.

It can be said positively that there is little expectation of any general movement in the Transvaal until after General Roberts is on the ground. There is no disposition to deny that for the present the repel any Boer attack. Whether a defeat of the enemy could be followed up with direct advantages, military men say, would depend entirely upon circumstances.

The admiralty has made a requisition for the Cunard Line steamship Umbria for use as a transport. Therefore the Umbria will not sail for New York on Saturday.

The War Office has received the following despatch from General Forestier-Walker, at Cape Town, dated December 20: "Methuen wires that he has received a rude reply from Cronje in regard to an officer whom Cronje calls a spy. Cronje refuses to hold any further communication with Methuen.

A despatch to the "Central News" from Modder River, dated December 16, says: "General Methuen, under a flag of truce, sent a request to General Cronje asking for information regarding the British wounded. General Cronje promised to send the desired intelligence. We communicate with Kimberley nightly."

### BOERS INCLINED TO TALK.

Sentiments Expressed to Litter-Bear ers at Megarsfontein.

MODDER RIVER, Dec. 16-(Delayed in transmission).-While the British litterbearers under Chaplain Robertson were burying their dead at Megarsfontein some of the Boers were inclined to be communicative. The gist of their statements was that while the fighting was outside their own boundaries they were entirely satisfied. They said they knew their own farms were safe, and, furthermore, even if the British were victorious the burghers felt that their farms would not be confiscated. Therefore they had descended on Kimberley and Aliwal North and marched through Laing's Nek into Natal. Their government believed that in fighting in British territory they might induce their compatriots in all of South Africa to fight for the control of the country, whereas if the Boers retired within their own frontiers this hope would be at an end.

The Boers blew up a culvert north of here this morning. Three suspected spies, including two milk sellers, were arrested here yesterday and held for examination.

#### MARLBOROUGH A VOLUNTEER. Balfour itaising Funds to Help Equip the Yeomanry.

LONDON, Dec. 21 .- The Duke of Marlborough is among the several titled personages who have volunteered for service in the imperial yeomanry.

Mr. Arthur J. Balfour, First Lord of Treasury, has initiated a fund in his native county to help equip yeomanry volunteers, whose means will not enable them to furnish their own horses, saddlery, and equip-

The fund is intended to supplement the War Office grant, which is limited to supplying what is absolutely necessary. Mr. Balfour suggests that the other counties

#### SECOND CANADIAN CONTINGENT Attillery and Mounted Infantry Mobillizing at Halifax.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.-At a meeting of the cabinet last night the composition of the second Canadian contingent for South Africa was decided upon.

It will consist of artillery and mounted infantry. There will be three batteries of trilliery. The eighteen guns necessary to equip the artillery will, it is said, be fur-talshed by Great Britain, as the Canadian ing of race pools in Alabama.

authorities deem it unwise at this time to weaken this arm of the militia.

The mounted infantry will be composed of Northwest mounted police, Alberta cowboys, and cavalrymen. The several squadrons comprised in the contingent will go as separate units and will be taken in command by Canadian officers now at the front in South Africa. The contingent will mobilize at Halifax and is expected to sail within three weeks.

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The militia department is still besieged with offers of volunteers and the greatest enthusiasm prevails among the military in all the districts throughout Canada.

### BOER RECRUITING DENIED.

Offers Plentiful, But the Undertal

ing Impracticable. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.-John Pierce, o 136 Liberty Street, who was reported to army to the Transvaal from this city for the last two months, today denied the re-

"I have no means of sending men to the Transvaal," said Mr. Pierce. "Neither Methuen, either as regards the safety of his army or its position of danger if such should be the case. There is a feeling in some quarters that the War Office is not disposed to make public official destricted by the case of the case disposed to make public official destruction in the destruction of the destruction is possession and this impression has a tendency to produce fears that the situation is not as desirable as the authorities would have it.

telegraph, requires several weeks."
George Van Sicklen, of 141 Broadway,
who was reported to be aiding Consul
Pierce in getting men to the Transvaal also denied the report. He said: "There is no truth in the statement that I sm sending men to the Transvaal or to Holland. I have had more than three hundred individual applications for passage. I have had two regiments of men, a battery of Crocks guns from Germany, and two swift steam yachts, to sail under letters of marque, offered to me as well. To all of these persons. I have said: 'It would be throw ing away my money and your lives, cer-tainly your liberty, to do so."
"I have constantly shown them the map

of South Africa, and have said that there was no way in which to get either men or materials past the British lines. Some of these persons who have come to me were Americans. All of the materials were offered by Americans.

Mr. Van Siekler said today that he had received from different sources more than \$600 in money for the relief of the widows and orphans of the Boers killed in battle.

### QUAY IN A CONFERENCE.

Discuss His Chances of Victory.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.-Former Senator Quay's presence in the city yesterday revived the talk of a special session of the legislature. Notwithstanding boasts of some Quay lieutenants that the former Senator has more than enough pledges from United States Senators to ensure his being seated, the knowledge that a number of his principal friends in the Senate confess their inability to see how he can win is ground for the belief that he is try-ing to find out the best showing that his friends could make for a compromise candidate for Senator in an extra session

Former Senator Don Cameron, who had been working for Quay among the Senators in Washington, appeared here almost simultaneously with the Beaver statesman. His mission, in addition to a council of war with Quay, was understood to involve a consultation with some insurgents, including former Governor Hastings. It is sition to deny that for the present the said that Cameron and Quay will together army is practically in a defensive attitude. It is, however, in a position to meet and Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections shall report.

Mr. Quay's coming here so soon after the discovery that Senator Hanna, either directly or indirectly, had caused Governor Stone to understand that the National Administration was anxious to see the Quay controversy eliminated, through an extra session, from the Presidential campaign, is regarded as significant.

### SHORTEST DAY OF THE YEAR.

Nine Hours and Twenty-two Minute This is the shortest day of the year. The sun rose at 7:24 o'clock and will set at 4:46 o'clock. Properly speaking it is the first day of winter, although the entire month of December is classed as a part

of the sterner season of the year. From this time on the sun, now at the farthest point from the equator, will gradually be brought closer until June 21, the longest day of the new year, when its apparent journey southward will again be

### NEW RAILWAY MILEAGE.

Last Year's Growth Shows an Unusual Increase.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.-The "Railroad Gazette" of this week will give its estimate of the new railroad mileage for 1899. It shows that the new mileage will aggregate 4,557 miles.

This is more than double the mileage for the four years from 1894 to 1898, and has not been equaled since 1892. Last year there were 3,265 miles built in the United States. Iowa leads with 553 miles. Next are: Minnesota, 374; Arkansas, 265; Callfornia, 209, and Michigan, 178.

### THE PINGREE TAX MEASURE.

Bill for One Form of Assessment

Passes the Lower House. LANSING, Mich., Dec. 21.-The hous yesterday passed the Pingree joint resolution, submitting to the people a constitutional amendment to permit similar taxation on all forms of property. The vote

was 86 to 8. Notice for reconsideration of the res tion was made, but was later withdrawn The question of submitting the constitu tional amendment is pending in the Senate. It has been referred to a senate communit-tee, with instructions to report next Wed-

#### nesday night. Fell and Broke Her Neck.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Virginia Pendleton, while preparing her house for the Christmas holidays, fell from a step-ladder yesterday and broke her neck. The lady was found shortly after the acci-dent by her fifteen-year-old daughter. Death is supposed to have been almost

### Krapps Working Hard.

BERLIN, Dec. 21.-According to an Exsen newspaper the Krupps are working day and night on a British order for 25,000

### Disloyalty of the Dutch.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 16-(Delayed in transmission).—It is reported that 500 disaffected Dutch in Victoria West have openly expresed disloyalty and threatened to attack the railway station, which is on a direct line to Cape Town.

Chartered for Transport Service. LONDON, Dec. 21 .- The steamships Pa. risian, Laurentian, and Pomeranian have been chartered to co, say the Escond Ca-nadian contingent to the Cape.

No Pools in Alabame MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 21.-The Su

ing for the Obsequies.

Lieut. Col. Clarence R. Edwards Des ignated to Accompany the Remains From Manila-The Interment May the Homestend Mortgage Grows.

The War Department is perfecting ar rangements to do the last honors over the remains of General Lawton. Secretary Root is in communication with Mrs. Lawton and it is believed that the details of the obsequies will be settled within a very

few days.

The remains of General Lawton will be brought to this country at the earliest moment possible. The War Department has communicated with Mrs. Lawton, and will comply with her wishes regarding the disposition of her husband's remains, but it is thought that they will be interred at Arlington Cemetery.

Quite a commotion was raised in the stationhouse on the appearance of the woman, and policemen were set to guard the street to keep the people away from the patient.

The woman said she was taken sick yesterday afternoon, and was confident she were developed. She had watched the man who was removed from the house fifteen days ago, and her symptoms were similar to his.

Lieut. Col. Clarence R. Edwards, of the to his. this country. Captain Edwards was General Lawton's chief aide and was in over thirty fights with him in the Philippines. General Lawton had the greatest confideuce in him, and at one time, during the campaign in southern Luzou, he placed Captain Edwards in charge of a brigade. The fund to lift the mortgage on the home of the late General Lawton has comnenced to accumulate, and before no

checks or pledges for over \$1,500.

Among the first to respond were the citizens of Milwaukee, Wis. C. H. Hamilton, of that city, telegraphed that he had been authorized by the citizens of Milwaukee to cay that they would raise \$1,000. Secretary Hay sent a check for \$100 with a note, saying. "I am glad to see that General Lawton's friends are raising a fund for his

H. A. Taylor, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, sent a check for \$100, with the following note: "Movement in behalf of the family of General Lawton certainly a timely and deserving one. The living ought not to be permitted to suffer as the result of the bravery of the dead." Mrs. John Addison Porter wrote: "It is

a privilege to help the family of so brave a man." She enclosed a check for \$100. General Buffington, Chief of Ordnance Bureau of the Army, contributed \$20; a clerk in the War Department \$2. Major General Shafter telegraphed from San Francisco: "Distressd beyond meas-ure to hear of Lawton's death. Will do everything in my power to help Mrs. Law-

McCosky Butt, of New York, contributed \$100. The firm of Warden & Co., brokers, No. 3 Broad Street, New York, telegraphed that they would raise a found among the

men in Wall Street. The Bankers Trust Company of New York telegraphed that it would act as a depository for funds subscribed in New York and would receive all subscriptions sent to their office all subscriptions sent to their office.

Press despatches state that the citizens of Indianapolis, Ind., will raise \$500, and Maude Adams, the actress, is credited with offering to contribute \$100. Captain Sepburn, a retired officer, living at Detroit, Mich., telegraphed: "Brave old Lawton; \$100 for Seyburn." Capt. John Guesh, of the army, sent \$5.

Former Secretary of War General Algor

Former Secretary of War, General Alger, telegraphed: 'I send today \$100 for the Lawton fund. I hope there will be such a generous response throughout the country to the committee's appeal that the devoted wife and children of this gallant officer shall be placed beyond the possibility of

## TO BE BURIED AT MANILA.

Lawton's Body Will Rest Temp ily in Paco Cemetery.

MANILA, Dec. 21-(12:01 p. m.).-After the simplest possible ceremonies at the house tomorrow morning, General Lawton's body will be taken to Paco Cemetery, where it will remain until Mrs. Lawton is ready to accompany it on a transport to the

Troop B, of the Fourth Cavalry, which General Lawton, when a captain, command, ed, and which has been serving as his body. guard, will act as the escort to the ceme tery. When the body is sent home there will be a public funeral with military hon-

The widow of the dead general is receive ing hundreds of expressions of sympathy and condolence. Many Filipinos, who say they knew General Lawton was their good friend, express great grief at his death. Of ficials of the several governments which General Lawton established even as far north as Taygua, are sending messages of sympathy and say they wish to come to Manila and attend the funeral. The supreme court also intends to take official ac-

Speaking of General Lawton this morn ing General Otis said: "I suspended the orders for the San Mateo movement last Monday evening on account of the storm. Law ton came from Malajacan and personally urged that the expedition be allowed to proceed. He said the troops were already advancing and he thought the storm would not

eriously interfere with the operations. inally concluded to permit him to go ahead "General Lawton's death is an irreparaole loss. He was a man who would always get there.' He was always ready to adopt plans to meet whatever obstacles he encountered. He was reckless as to his peronal safety, but was unduly considerate

The death of General Lawton will not delay the carrying out of General Otis' plans The first work to be undertaken will be the opening of ports in the Southern provinces. It is not intended to make any special camd to make any special camsaign in Cavite Province.

### Arrivals at Manile.

General Otis cabled the War Department oday of the arrival at Manila of the transports Senator and Beumohr with the Fortyfifth Infantry. No casualties occurred dur-ing the voyage. Two batteries of the Sixth Artillery also arrived at Manila yester-

Ordered to Investigate a Killing. The State Department has cabled United States Consul J. M. Mitchell, at San Pedro Sula, Spanish Honduras, to investigate and make full report on the killing of Capt.
"Jack" Imboden and William Gold, two
American citizens, at San Pedro Sula, several days ago. The men were shot by a

turn via Pennsylvania Ralirond. Tickets on sale Saturday and Sunday, Decem-er 23 and 24, good to return until Monday, De-ember 25. All trains except Congressional Lim

Flyan's Business College, 8th and K

#### AT LARGE WITH SMALLPOX. egligence of a Policeman

The War Department New Arrang- Tenth Street northwest, escaped from that quarantined house last night and was found on Ninth Street northeast, pear the Ninth precinct police station, with strong symptoms of smallpox. She was removed to the smallpox hospital.

The policeman on duty at the bouse last night made a statement to the Health Of-Be at Arlington-The Fund to Lift feer this morning, in which he said that ficer this morning, in which he said that none of the inmates of the place escape! while he was on duty. This statement is denied by the woman, who says that she walked out of the house at \$530 o'clock without hindrance and started to find the smallpox hospital. She said she wantes to go to the hospital, because she believed she had the disease. She walked the streets all night, finally coming to the Ninth precinct station house this morning. Quite a commotion was raised in the stationhouse on the appearance of the

Forty-third Volunteer infantry (a capital) an as to how she had left the house the of the Twenty-third Infantry), has been officer supposed to have been a guard had designated by the Secretary of War to achording to say. The man will be relieved When shown the statement of the wom company the body of General Lawton to from further duty with the smallpox squad and a more vigilant guard appointed in his

This cutbreak occurs on the last day of the quarantine of this house. The first case was removed from the place on the 5th of this month and the sixteen days of isolation would have terminated at midnight tonight. It will be necessary to keep the place in quarantine for another sixteen days. The patients now confined in the hospital were all reported to be doing well as were also the suspects in the detention

#### CAUSE OF THE RECENT PANIC New York Paper Charges It to the

Standard Oll Concern. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.-The "World" this which the assertion is made that John D. Rockefeller and the Standard Oil Company, in order to crush Anthony N. Brady, representing gas interests opposed to Standard Oil control, were largely responsible for the recent great panic in Wall Street. The "World" also says the Standard Oil concern would have been responsible for even greater disaster if the United States Gov-ernment had not stepped in and released its grip from the market. The means used in she wore a pink skirt. Maggie Brooks also the effort of the Standard Oil Company are

given as follows: The Platt machine at Albany; a relnous gas-rate war; bear crusade against all Bra. August 24, 1896. dy stocks; enlistment of James R. Keene as bear leader; bold manipulation of the money market; use of National City and Hanover Banks to effect an artificial money stringency; juggling of foreign exchange through Standard Oil financial agencies; a combination of the strongest of these forces, so directed us to cause one of the worst panies in Wall Street's history, forcing the United States Trusurer to take quick action in order to avert widespread business disaster, and a final crushing drive at Brooklyn Rapid Transit steek, in which Brady and his associates are leavy invest-

ors, resulting in their capitulation.

This fight, the article asserts, has consumed about two years. It has been waged There were skiron many battlefields. on many batteries. There were sarr-mishes in Chicago, Philadelphia, and in Washington, and great conflicts were fought at Albany, in Boston, and in Wall Street. It is believed now that the end is

Several years ago William Rockefeller and H. H. Rogers, representing them-selves as well as other interests in the Standard Oil Company, conceived the idea of gaining control of all the gas companies in the Eastern and Middle Atlantic States. in the Eastern and Middle Atlantic States. The first fight began in Boston, where much difficulty. The only competitor of importance at that time was the New England Gas and Coke Company, which owns a large amount of the security in the Brookline Gas Light Company, the Dor-chester Gas Light Company, the Boston chester Gas Light Company, the Boston United Gas Light Company, and several other organizations in the suburbs of Bos ton. Here for the first time the great Standard Oil Company came to know An-

thony N. Brady. Mr. Brady was a trustee in the New England Gas and Coke Company, in which were allied with him William L. Elkins, William C. Whitney, as well as Henry M. Whitney, who had been associated for years in various other fields of business The interest of these two companies were naturally in conflict, but at that time the Standard Oil looked upon Mr. Brady and

his crowd as pigmies. Then the contest began, the adversaries from the start being the Standard Oil Com-pany and the National City and Hanover Banks on one side and Brady's crowd on

the other Standard Oil Company, in order to The Standard Oil Company, in order to force these men to throw over the New Amsterdam Gas Company, attacked the stocks of all the corporations in which they were interested, depressing their value by over \$130,000,000.

Many circumstances, elaborated in detail, are given in the published statement to show that the various properties in sym-pathy with the Standard Company's rival were subjects of attacks from the Rockefeller concern, the results of which would have precipitated general desertion had they not been met by the interference of the General Government.

### CANDIDATE FOR THE SENATE.

Chief Justice Snodgram in the Field NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 21.-Chief Justice David L. Snodgrass, of the Tennes-

see supreme court, has formally announced his candidacy for the United States Senate to succeed Senator Thomas B. Turley. That there will be three avowed candidates for the place within the next ten days there is little doubt. Representative Ed ward W. Cormack is already in the Benton McMillin is expected.

### MARRIAGE BONDS SEVERED.

Justice Barnard Grants Two Decrees

for Divorce. Two petitions for divorce have been granted by Justice Barnard. George W. Johnson was granted a legal separation from his wife, Helen Hunt Johnson, the latter being allowed the privilege to apply at some later time for allmony. Ne lie C. Kennedy was granted a divorce from her husband, Thomas R. Kennedy, on the ground of desertion. Mrs. Kennedy was given the custody of her child, and allowed

In the case of Margaret A. Grady against her husband, Michael F. Grady, for divorce, permanent alimony was allowed the peti-tioner at the rate of \$25 per month. Hollday Rates to Pittsburg, Etc., vis

Pennsylvania Ballwood.

Excursion tickets, Washington to Pittsburg, Connellsville, Uniontown, Dravesburg, Scottfdale, Braddock, Dunbar, Fairchance, Ma Pleasant, and Johnstown, Pa., on sale December 23, 24, 25, 31, January 1, good to return until January 4, 1900, at rate of fare and one-third for round trip.

Witnesses Give More Sensational Testimony in His Trial.

John Jenkins and Allen L. Wilson Testify That Attempts Were Made to Induce Them to Swear Falsely to an Alibi for the Prisoner-A Lawyer Alleged to Be Implicated

The last two witnesses in the Funk mur. ler trial today made positive statements that the father of the defendant had attempted to bribe them to commit perjury. Newton C. Price, of counsel for the defence, was also implicated in the statements. Dr. Edwin B. Behrends, an expert it

chemistry at the Georgetown University, was the first witness called in behalf of the defence. He was called for the purpose of contradicting the testimony given by Dr. Edward M. Schaeffer, who testified as to the nature of the supposed blood stains found on the clothing which Funk wore the afternoon Brooks was killed. Dr. Schaeffer it will be remembered,

and microscopic examination of the particles of matter taken from the defendant's clothing, and found that they containe corpuscles of human blood and nerve tis-The expert called for the defence mad-

an examination of but one of the alleged blood stains. He said he found it to be blood, but did not discover any evidence nerve or brain tissue.

Besides the blood stains. Dr. Behrend stated that he found a substance known as 'epetheleum," or particles of skin, cells which may come from any part of the human body. Dr. Behrend stated that he has been a

practising physician in this city for three years, and for two years in other cities. This ended the testimony for the defence, and Sople Brown was called to contradict morning publishes a long statement in the statement of Funk relating to her dress which the assertion is made that John D. Rockfeller and the Standard Oil Company, corder to gruph Anthony N. Breds. black skirt and white waist. Sophic

Brown denied this, and said she was at-tired in a pink colored skirt. Bartholomev Diggins, captain of the watch at the War Department, was called and verified Mrs. Brown's statement.
Mrs. Suit, the friend whom Mrs. Brown
visited the afternoon of the murder, testified that when the latter came to her house testified that her sister wore a plak skirt.

Jennie Beedenbeck, who was next ca'led,
stated that she was married to Funk on

This testimony was objected to by coun-sel for the defence, and Mr. Baker stated that this line of evidence was pursued for

company, between Washington Circle and Seventeenth Street northwest is 4 1-4 minutes. The witcuss Degges stated that it required the car be boarded at Washington Circle on the day of the murder of Wil-liam Brooks twenty-seven minutes to make

the trip between these points.

John Jenkins, a carpenter, testified that
he knew William F. Funk, the father of the defendant. He met him in a grocery store two weeks ago. On that occasion the wit-ness said he had a conversation with New-ton C. Price, one of the attorneys for the defence. During that conversation the witness stated the defendant's father was present, and a proposition was made to the witness to testify that he had seen Funk controlling interest in the various gas the defendant, at Weshington Circle on the he did so he would receive his wages as a

carpenter at the rate of \$2 a day since the beginning of the trial.

Allen L. Wilson of Baltimore, Md., tes tified that over a week ago he had a conversation with the defendant's father at Camden Station. He stated that the de-fendant's father asked him to come to court and testify that he had seen his son, the defendant, in Washington Circle, about the

This practically closed the evidence in After recess the counsel on either side

### submitted to the court instructions which they desired given to the jury as to the law governing the case. YOUNG TERRY VERY LOW. The Life of the Lad Who Was Shot

Despaired Of. Harry Terry, the fifteen-year-old colored oy, who was shot by an unknown negro last night, was today reported to be in a serious condition. It is found at the Emer-

gency Hospital that his wound will prove Young Terry was shot, it appears, while protecting his sister. He was accompanying her home from an entertainment, and when in the Columbia Road, about one mile from Jackson City, a colored man attempt-ed to compel them to turn aside. Terry caught up a club, when the stranger fired.

### MISS PAUNCEFOTE'S LOSS.

teturning From the Theatre. She Finds a Valuable Brooch Missing. Miss Audrey Pauncefote, daughter of Lord Pauncefote, the British Ambassad has reported that she lost on Friday nigh a valuable brooch, valued at \$150. The rooch was described as in the shape of two hearts set with moonstones and surrounded by diamonds and rubles.

ost either in the National Theatre or in the street between the theatre and the Would Elect Chief Justices

Miss Pauncefote said that the brooch was

A bill has been introduced in the Senate by Mr. Butler proposing amendments to the Constitution providing for the election of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court by the qualified electors of the United States, and for the election of other Federal judges by the votes of the qualified electors of the respective judicial circuits and dis-

To Provide for Leaves of Absence, Mr. Burrows has introduced a bill in the Senate to grant leaves of absence to certain employes of the Government to whom they are not granted under the present law. The of the navy yards, gun factories, nava stations, and arsenals of the United States Government shall be granted thirty working days' leave of absence each year, with-out forfeiture of pay during such leave. It is also specified in the bill that pro rata leave of absence shall be granted to those employes who serve only fractional parts

Norfo k & Washington Steamboat Co. Delig 'ful trips daily at 6:30 p. m. to Old Point Comfor Newport News, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach. For schedule, see page 7,

### STRIKES AT TITLE COMPANIES.

enator Hansbrough's Bill Relating to Abstracts Introduced.

Senator Hansbrough offered in the Sen ate just before adjournment yesterday a bill authorizing the Recorder of Deeds and the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to make abstracts of titles and of the records of their respective offices The bill, which it is said, will be vigorous ly opposed by the title companies, provider that the Recorder shall make or cause to be made, on the application of any person, an abstract of title which shall include the book and page of each transaction re-corded, or of any parcel of land shown by the records of his office, and a transcript of any papers or records on file in his

He shall certify to the correctness of them pon the payment of the following fees. For abstract of title of any description of land, 10 cents for each year covered by such abstract; for one copy of any paper or document, at the rate of 10 cents per hundred words, for each certificate to any abstract or paper or document, 25 cents. The Clerk of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia shall furnish to any person applying therefor, an abstract of any parcel of land, which shall include the book and page of each transaction recorded of ul) proceedings, orders, judgments, and decrees of record in the office of the clerk for the transfer of such land, or creating a lien, or encumbrance thereon, or in anywise affecting its title

### NO HARBOR BILL JUST YET.

The Usual Preliminary Work to Take

The fact that it has been virtually deided that there is to be no River and Caribbean on October 24 when the vessel Harbor Appropriation bill this session is brought up all standing, with a jerk that no surprise. It has been several Con- nearly took the sticks out of her. She had gresses since a River and Harbor bill has been passed during the first session.

This was the case in the Fifty-fifth Congress. But because no bill will be reported this session it does not follow that Chairman Burton's committee will remain idle On the contrary the committee will have plenty of work. There will be several jun-kets to cities asking large appropriations. as was the case year before last, and all the data for the bill will be put in shape so that at the short session no time will be ost in passing the measure through the

### ROBERTS' CASE NOT DECIDED.

No Truth in the Report That the Committee Has Settled It.

Chairman Tayler, of the committee apointed to investigate the charges preferred against Representative-elect Brigham H. Roberts of Utah, said to a Times reporter this morning that there was no truth in the story that the committee had reached "The fact is," said Chairman Tayler,

the committee has not even informally

# THE LETTER CARRIERS PLEASED

Secretary Cantwell Says the Madd The bill introduced by Mr. Mudd of Maryland increasing the pay of letter car- George Williams, of the Buffalo and Albion riers from \$600 the first year to \$800 the cond year, \$1,000 the third year, and \$1,- speech from fright when he discovered a 200 the fourth year, is the measure endorsyoung man and woman in front of his train ed at the recent annual convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers," said Edward J. Cantwell, secretary of the association, to a Times reporter today. "The bill is a just one, and I have the as-The bill is a just one, and I have the astronged in a pair dropped flat on the rance that it will be favorably reported williams stopped his engine within a few stroads. The letter carriers are a debered abound the committee on Postoffices and inchas of their heads. When they clambered abound the committee of t surance that it will be favorably reported serving class of Federal employes, and for the responsibilities they assume I think they are entitled to the modest increase asked for in the Mudd bill. Under the existing law the highest pay any letter car-rier receives is only \$1,000 per annum

And certainly it will be admitted that \$200 is not much of an increase "Mr. Mudd is a good fighter and he will do what he can for the bill."

### SUFS FOR A LARGE CLAIM.

Patrick Calhoun Sceks to Recove \$197,035 From J. C. Calhoun. Patrick Calhoun today filed the papers n a suit in the Supreme Court of the Dis trict against John C. Calhoun, to recover \$197,025.83 alleged to be due him as the re-

suit of several business transactions.

It is said the parties agreed at one time to settle the differences by arbitration and the vecing of stock of the Raleigh and Gassuit of several business transactions. as a result the following statement was

submitted: "That the defendant John C. Calboun is indebted to Patrick Calhoun upon general hearing take place and appointed Thurscash account in the sum of \$127,212.68, and day, December 28 as the date for the hear-further on account of the Kentucky Coal ing of the application for injunction, at and Iron Company stock \$17,411.65; also in which time all of the questions in the case end Iron Company stock \$17,411.65; also in the sum of \$7,891.42 on the preferred and common stock of that company; also in the sum of \$12,690.59 on account of stock in Railway Realty Company, and for one-half interest in stock valued at \$100,000, and \$8.747.28 on account of Port Royal Company stock, and \$3,430.56 in Roger American Mechanical Carriage Company

The summary after allowances made to the defendant shows that the latter is al-leged to be indebted to the plaintiff in the unt claimed. To Investigate the Far East.

A bill has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Gallinger authorizing the appointment of a commission of five mem bers to visit China and Japan and repor on the commercial and industrial conditions in those countries, with a view of enlarging the trade of the United States. A similar bill was also offered in the House by Representative Hepburn, and a third bill, with the same object in view, was introduced in the Senate by Mr. McMillan.

Urging River Improvement. The Georgia and Florida delegations have been requested by the legislatures of those States to press upon Congress at this session the desirability of deepening St. John River, between Jacksonville and the Atocean, a distance of about twenty-

More Funds for Dewey Arch. NEW YORK, Dec. 21 .- At the close of the meeting of the New York Fire Underwriters' Association yesterday, after the transaction of the routine business of the board, the fire insurance men were adthe organization committee of the Dewey arch. Mr. Johnes spoke briefly concerning the needs of his committee, and after he had finished a committee of five was ap-pointed to collect subscriptions.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return vis December 23 and 24, good for return until follow-ing Monday. Tickets good on all trains except Royal Limited.

# MAROONED ON A SANDBAR

PRICE ONE CENT.

Harlships Endured by Sailers for Thirty-s x Days.

The Castaway Crew of the Schooner Annie R. Kemp Find Refuge on a Barren Cay in the Caribbean Sea. Short Allowance of Food and Water-How They Made Their Escape.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.-Marooned on a malj sandy reef that threatened to disappear into the ocean, their store of food and water daily decreasing, with no chance to replenish them, 200 miles from the nearest mainland, and out of the track of vessels, Seaman Frank White and three of his mates of the lost American schooner Annie R. Kemp grimly fought fate for

thirty-six days before they were rescued. The wreck of the Kemp lies off the Sereno Bank, in the Caribbean Sea. Captain Vaux and three of the crew have arrived here on the steamship Advance from Colon. Seaman White then told the story of the hardships endured.

"The Annie R. Kemp was only 156 tons, but stout timbered and well canvased when we left Baltimore for Old Providence and San Andraes, off the Mosquito coast, on October 7," he said. "There were five of us, not counting Captain Vaux and the cook. We were running 'fore the wind in the struck the rocks of Sereno Bank. We

tried all we could, but we couldn't budge her.

The sand cay, where we fetched up later, was five miles from where the ship struck. We filled the boat with provisions, water, and clothing as well as instruments of the captain, and landed on this reef. It was a narrow strip of sand and a bare rock or two, with not a drop of water or vegetation. There we raised a flag with the American ensign Union

lown, and camped. "The captain, the cook, and one of the sailors left in the only boat we had on October 30. The captain was going to try to make Old Providence Island. He did the best he could, but only succeeded in making land thirty miles from Colon and 200 miles from our reef. His boat was wrecked.

"Meantime there we were without a

"Meantime there we were without a boat, with the sea daily making inroads on our sand patch, and the food and water getting lower every day. Those with me were Charles Johnson, Emil Grouberg, and Nile Olsen. We had provisions for twenty days, but when fourteen went by sign of the captain we began to husband

the stores.
"We made a raft of drift wood, but it sel for the defence, and Mr. Baker stated that this line of evidence was pursued for "effect" on the jury. District Attorney Anderson, with emphasis, replied: "That is untrue."

A long argument over the admissibility of this class of evidence followed.

Justice Cole declined to admit the evidence. Charles O. Flynu, a division superintendent of the Cap tai Traction Company, stated that the schedule time of the cars of that company between Washington Circle and

### SPEECHLESS FROM FRIGHT.

Effects of a Thrilling Moment on a Railway Engineer. BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 21.-Engineer special, temporarily lost his power of

on the bridge crossing the eighty-foot-deep gulf just east of Lockport station vesterday. There are no guard rails on the bridge, and although the pair dropped flat on the

#### bered aboard the engine they found Williams unable to speak.

INJUNCTION APPLIED FOR. Preliminary Proceedings Affecting RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 21.—Application was made last night before Judge Waddill. sitting as circuit judge, for a preliminary injunction to restrain the defendants, John Skelton Williams, J. W. Mitterndorf, et al., from taking any steps toward consummating the consolidation of the railroads of

the Seaboard Air Line system with the

Florida Central and Peninsula and the

Georgia and Alabama. After argument of counsel, Judge Waddill held that there was no cause for the ton Railroad Company at its meeting at Raileigh, especially as it was a corporation of the State of North Carolina. Judge Waddill suggested that a speedy

will be considered and with leave for the parties to file affidavits KILLED A QUARTETTE OF BEARS.

Exploit of a Maine Man Armed Only With an Ax. SOUTH PARIS, Me., Dec. 21 .- W. W. Arris, while chopping wood on Old Trunk Mountain yesterday found four black bears

in a cave where they had taken quarters for the winter. Arris had no weapon other than an ax, but he slew the four animals without sus-taining a scratch. From the State he will receive a bounty of \$5 for each bear. The pelts are worth about \$25 each

Non-Resident Pupils Admitted. The Attorney for the District today deided that two children who are non-residents of the District, should be admitted to the public schools. The children are ohn McGregor, of Maryland, who lives here with a here with a brother, and the son and daughter of Mrs. D. H. Rhodes, whose husband is employed in the Quartermaster's Department of the army in the Philip-

Distribution of Returning Troops The War Department has annouced the following distributions of four troops of the Tenth Cavalry which will be brought back from Cuba very shortly. Troop F will be sent to Fort Brown, F to Fort Mc-Intosh, G to Fort Ringgold, and H to Fort All the forts are in the Departnent of Texas.

American Hay for South Africa. BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 21.-The Mic Mac, British steamer, now at Sidney, Cape Breton, has been ordered to Boston to load hay for the British troops at South Africa. She is to arrive Monday, and the work will be rushed day and night, so as

To the Retnil Merchant. You insure life and property. Why not throw like safeguards around accounts on your ledger, repecially as by so doing you not only save money, but do larger business. Investigate the Washington Clearing Co., Atlantic Building.

start her off as soon as possible.